

that the overseas forces might continue to operate for some months, even if the lines of supply across the ocean were cut. As the menace of the submarine became less acute, and as the need of ship tonnage for other supplies became more pressing, the required reserve was cut to 45 days. It will be seen from the diagram that at no time during the period of active operations did the reserve fall below this line.

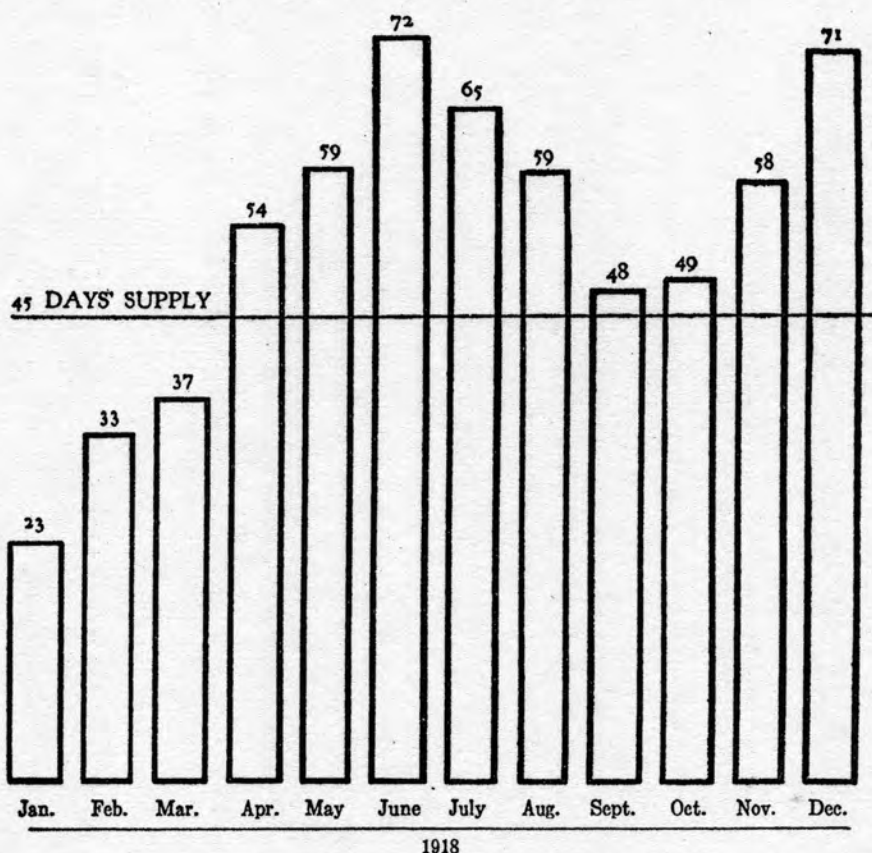


Diagram 25.—Days' supply of Army rations on hand in the American Expeditionary Forces each month.

In the matter of clothing also, the supply services rose to the emergency of combat.

There were periods in the history of many individual units when needed supplies could not be immediately obtained but, as in the case of food, the difficulty was one of local transportation.

The records of the Quartermaster show that during the six